

Amendment to the Specification:

Please cancel all of the previously added paragraphs on Page 1 above line 1, and please amend the first paragraph [01] on Page 1 to read as follows:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

[01] Applicants claim priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 of German Application No. 10 2004 008 283.9 filed February 18, 2004. Applicants also claim priority under 35 U.S.C. §365 of PCT/DE2005/000276 filed February 18, 2005. The international application under PCT article 21(2) was not published in English.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention

[01.1] ~~[01]~~ The invention relates to a fastening tape for a hygiene item, said hygiene item and a method for producing a fastening tape for a hygiene item. In particular, the invention relates to a fastening tape for a baby diaper or for an incontinency diaper, said baby diaper or incontinency diaper and a method for producing such diapers.

On Page 1, between paragraph [01.1] and paragraph [02], please insert the following paragraph:

2. Description of the Related Art

On Page 1, please replace paragraph [02] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[02] ~~When opening~~ Opening the fastening tape on a diaper to put the diaper on or take it off, ~~this regularly involves the task of~~ gripping an end of the fastening tape ~~at the end~~ using one's fingers and pulling the fastening tape away from the surface of the diaper ~~cooperating~~ that cooperates with the tape or away from a release tape on the surface of the diaper. ~~To this end~~ As a result, a fastening tape often has a protruding section which extends as the "free end" beyond the closing area of ~~such a~~ the tape. ~~It is proposed in~~ EP 0 840 585 B1 discloses that for fastening tapes with a closing area and a protruding section it is especially favorable from a manufacturing standpoint to make a wavy cut along the machine transport direction to sever the strips of tape during production. The wavy cut results in a tape having a wavy end with a plurality of wavy heads, with a protruding section being formed on each wavy head on the wavy end of the tape.

On Page 2, between paragraph [05] and paragraph [06], please insert the following paragraph:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

On Page 13, before the first full paragraph [34], please insert the following paragraph:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

On Page 13, please replace the third full paragraph with the following rewritten paragraph:

Figure 2 shows schematically the diaper fastening tape strips from Figure 1 and a cutting line along which the diaper fastening tape strips from Figure 1 are separated in production,

On Page 13, please replace the sixth full paragraph with the following rewritten paragraph:

Figures 6a through 6d show various exemplary embodiments of the invention in detail according to the exemplary characterization detail area IV in Figure 3. Figure 6e is a combination of Figures 6a and 6b.

On Page 13, before paragraph [35], please insert the following paragraph:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

On Page 17, between paragraphs [46] and [47], please insert the following new paragraph:

[46.5] Figure 6e is a combination of Figures 6a and 6b. This Figure 6e shows a protruding section 14 with a film 22a with numerous macroscopic perforation spots 23a providing a

macroscopic surface structure to the film 22a, imparting a first high grip traction to this part of the protruding section 14. Second, this fastening tape has a wavy film 31a applied to the tape edge 16a. The film 31a is a strip approximately 5 mm wide running directly along edge 16a of the tape over its entire length. This also yields a grip edge 32a that is easy to grip. The film strip 31a has numerous ridges 33a and valleys 34a, providing for a second macroscopically structured surface.